

**Montana
State Trauma Care Committee
2/9/04**

Member	Representing	Present
Mike Orcutt, MD	Chairman Committee on Trauma, ACS	yes
Joe Hansen	Eastern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	yes
Kirgy Peden, MD	Eastern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	yes
J. Bradley Pickhardt, MD	Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	yes
Gregory Moore, MD	Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	no
Tim Sinton,	Central Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	yes
Jennie Nemec, RN	Central Regional Trauma Advisory Committee	yes
John Bleicher, RN	Montana Trauma Coordinators	yes
Mike McGree, EMT	Montana Private Ambulance Operators	no
Pauline Linnell, EMT	Montana Emergency Medical Services Association	yes
John Mootry	Montana Hospital Association	yes
vacant	American College of Emergency Physicians	
Louis Kattine, MD	Montana Medical Association	no
Bill Taylor, RN	Montana Emergency Nurses Association	yes
Randall Colmes, RN	Indian Health Service	no

GUESTS: Lisa Ryamond
 Connie Stone
 Jim Bentler
 Denny Maier
 Richard Mickelson
 Pete Lucas
 Sally Buckles
 Jim DeTienne
 Thomas Danenhowe
 Dayle Perrin
 Kim Todd

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OPEN POSTIONS: There is one open position on the STCC for the ACEP representative. Dr. Bentler voiced interest in the position. The representative for MMA has not been active and John Bleicher volunteered to contact him to determine his interest.

UPDATE EMSIP SECTION: Jim DeTienne, acting supervisor gave an update on the status of the EMSIP Section. There will be two new bureaus; Emergency Preparedness and Chronic Disease with the EMSIP Section being placed under Chronic Disease.

Jim provided an organizational chart and draft Mission and Vision Statement for the section. Plans are underway for a statewide comprehensive EMS task force to develop an EMS Plan for the state.

A legislative audit was done for the trauma program was recently done. The major point made was to: "Adopt rules necessary to implement the trauma care system in compliance with sections 50-6-402 and 50-6-410, MCA." Rules will be drafted and placed into the state system prior to the next meeting.

ATLS: Four ATLS courses are scheduled for this year with three of the courses completely full and one with a few remaining positions open. Jim will schedule a fifth course in Billings sometime in November.

More ATLS instructors are needed and Kim will work on scheduling the ATLS instructor course. Dr. Bentler volunteered to provide information on an educator to use for this course.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: John Mootry lead discussion on setting a trauma legislative agenda for the next session. (See Legislative and Public Advocacy attachment.)

1. Leadership Support: Provide regular trauma updates to DPHHS leadership and seek statement of support. Meeting suggested for Mike Orcutt, John Mootry, Kim Todd, Jim DeTienne with DPHHS leadership to discuss.
2. Proposed injury prevention legislation: Synergy with other groups will be used. Thom Danenhowe will obtain information on proposed bills/sponsors and will provide update at next meeting. The top four legislative initiatives STCC plans to support are:

- a. Primary seat belt law for adults and children
 - b. Helmet requirement for motorcycles
 - c. Graduated driver's licensing
 - d. Open container law
3. Improved funding: Legislators supportive of the trauma system will be identified. Partnerships with others such as emergency preparedness will be sought. The National Trauma Care Foundation may be able to provide advice. The idea of a trauma foundation was discussed again and this idea will be explored and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Public awareness: Kim to update "White Crosses in the Last Best Place" presentation and make effort to present in each town in the state. Obtain commitment from each STCC member and those on the RTACs to present. Thom suggested adding a coordinated press campaign, which has found to be very effective for other issues.
5. Coalition building: Participation by trauma stakeholders to advocate for the trauma system. Suggestions included MHA, police, highway patrol, fire, EMS, ENA, MEMSA, safe kids, safe communities, local DUI task forces, senior citizen groups, and independent insurance agents.
6. Resource tool kit: Identify key compelling message and how to talk to your legislator. Identify legislators and provide contact information. Kim will provide a new STCC member list with contact information. Thom will work on suggested trauma press releases and how to meet with the press.

BIOTERRORISM: Update on HRSA grant given by Dayle Perrin. 80% of the grant will go to end-users; hospitals, EMS, and poison control. Trauma and EMS sections of the grant have been rewritten. Request Sally Johnson to attend next meeting to discuss STCC recommendations for the next grant.

TRAUMA PLAN REVISION: The first draft of the Montana Trauma System Plan was shared and briefly reviewed. Central Medical Dispatch and continuing education were highlighted. The plan will continue to be revised and brought to the next meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: Sub-committee structure and membership will be on the agenda for the next meeting.